

Appropriations and Finance Committee  
LTBB Governmental Administration Building  
Tribal Council Chambers  
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
February 20, 2014

Call to Order: 1:12 p.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Secretary Shananaquet, Councilor Denemy

Absent: Treasurer Reyes

Tribal Councilors present: Legislative Leader Bentley, Councilor Law, Councilor Naganashe, Councilor Otto and Councilor Wemigwase.

Judicial Staff Present: Tribal Court Administrator Sara Brubaker

Legislative Staff Present: Treasury Director Michael Garrow, Senior Financial Analysis Stella Kay, Administrative Assistant Yvonne McShane.

Executive Staff/Official Present: Chairman Fred Kiogima, Vice-Chairperson Deb DeLeon, Grant Writer Julie Kauppila, Grant Writer Amber Holt, Controller Cheryl Kishigo Lesky, Executive Services Attorney Diane Vitols

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to adopt the agenda of January 20, 2014 with additions. (Budget Formulation Statute)

Vote: 2- Yes, 0 - No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Denemy and supported by Secretary Shananaquet to approve the minutes of February 11, 2014.

Vote: 2- Yes, 0 - No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Phone Polls: None

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to recommend that Tribal Council approve Certified Motion 030214-03 Request for Funding From the United States Department of Justice, Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians FY 2014 CTAS Grant with further recommendation that Tribal Council add necessary verbiage to this motion to clarify that new position created within a grant application will end upon completion of grant cycle.

Vote: 2- Yes, 0 - No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

**Discussion:** Recommend that Financial Impact Statements, Grant Applications, CFO Financial Analysis, do not include language that infers continued employment or “absorbing” of new grant positions. The

Tribe cannot commit to continuation of new positions when there are unknowns of future budget sustainability.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to recommend that Tribal Council approve Certified Motion 030214-01 Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program.

Vote: 2- Yes, 0 - No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Denemy to recommend that Tribal Council approve Certified Motion 030214-02 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program FY 2014, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians White Feather Adult Drug Court Enhancements.

Vote: 2- Yes, 0 - No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

**Discussion:** This is another grant that Tribal Council may want to add additional wording to motion that states that upon completion of grant work hours will be reduced to the previous levels. Once again, the Tribe cannot commit to continuation of employment at the higher number of hours when there are unknowns of future budget sustainability.

1:55 p.m. Break.

2:04 p.m. Resume.

Budget Formulation Statute:

**Discussion:** Opinions offered on the interpretation of the Constitution: Article VII, Section C 3a, and Section I. Terms of Discussion included: “The Budget”, “Upcoming fiscal year”, and under the Treasurer duties the information required in annual reporting to membership. No action taken at this time. Recommend further discussion with full Tribal Council on ways to improve the budget process. Suggest a work session specifically designated for Budget with notice sent to membership for participation and input.

3:34 p.m. Public Comment opens.

3:34 p.m. Public Comment closes.

3:35 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Denemy supported by Secretary Shananaquet to adjourn.

Vote: 2- Yes, 0 - No, 0 – Abstained, 1 – Absent (Treasurer Reyes)

Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 11, 2014